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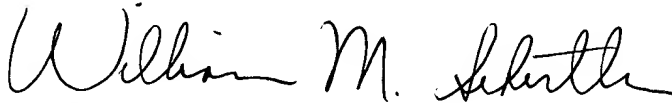
A translation of the communication from the Japanese Patent Office, along with an English language Abstract of the reference cited therein are enclosed to provide the requisite statement of relevance for the attached foreign references.

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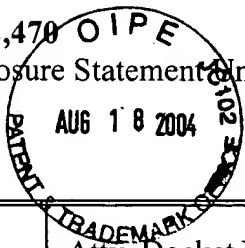
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